

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action dated December 1, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claim 1 and has added new Claims 32 and 33. Claims 1, 23 and 29-31 are the independent claims. Claims 2-6 and 8-9 depend upon Claim 1, whilst Claim 7 depends upon Claim 6. Claims 18-19 and 21-22 depend upon new dependent Claim 33, whilst Claim 20 depends upon dependent Claim 18. Claims 24-26 depend upon Claim 23. Each one of new Claims 32 and 33 depend upon Claim 29. Claims 1-9, 19-26 and 29-33 remain pending in the application with changes thereto as noted above. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicant has substantially complied with the Examiner's suggestions. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her courtesy in discussing the patentability of new Claims 32 and 33 and for agreeing to call Applicant's counsel if any issues should arise from new Claims 32 and 33 before the finality of this subject Office Action.

a. Rejection of Claims 1-9, 19-22, Objection to Claim 10, Allowance of Claims 23-26 and 29-31 and new Claims 32, 33

The Examiner objected to Claim 10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (Claim 1). Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the unique and non-obvious features of dependent Claim 10 and therefore obviate the Examiner's objection to Claim 10. Claim 10 has been cancelled since all the unique and non-obvious features of Claim 10 are now included in currently amended Claim 1 as stated above. The Examiner's objection to Claim 10 is therefore now moot. Since Claims 2-9 ultimately depend on the unique and non-obvious features of currently amended independent Claim 1, Claims 2-9

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have all the limitations of unique and non-obvious amended Claim 1 and these claims are therefore also unique and non-obvious, thereby overcoming the rejection of Claims 2-9. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objection to Claim 10 has been overcome, and Applicant courteously requests allowance of currently amended independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-9.

The Examiner has allowed Claims 23-26 and 29-31 without requiring any further amendments to the unique and non-obvious features of Applicant's Claims 23-26 and 29-31. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her courtesy and thoroughness in searching and subsequent allowance of Claims 23-26 and 29-31.

Claim 32 is a new claim without the introduction of any new matter whatsoever, which depends upon allowed unique and non-obvious independent Claim 29. Claim 32 states the unique and non-obvious features of the method for manufacturing a drapery further comprises the steps of:

(a) providing the light impermeable metalized film comprises polypropylene;

(b) metalizing the light impermeable metalized film with a metal having a thickness of between .0002 to .03 millimeters; and

(c) metalizing the light impermeable metalized film with aluminum having an optical rating of between 1.5 and 4.0.

Claim 33 is a new product-by-process claim without the introduction of any new matter whatsoever. New Claim 33 depends upon allowed independent unique and non-obvious Claim 29. New Claim 33 states Applicant's unique and non-obvious features: "The drapery according to the method of Claim 29".

New dependent Claims 32 and 33 are fully supported by Applicant's Original Specification and Original Claims. Accordingly, Applicant courteously requests allowance of new dependent Claims 32 and 33.

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Dependent Claims 19-22 have been amended to ultimately depend on new unique and non-obvious dependent Claim 33, which depends on unique and non-obvious allowed Claim 29. Dependent Claims 19-22 have all the limitations of both unique and non-obvious new dependent Claim 33 and allowed unique and non-obvious independent Claim 29. Therefore, dependent amended Claims 19-22 are also unique and non-obvious, thereby overcoming the rejection of dependent Claims 19-22. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection of dependent Claims 19-22 has been overcome, and Applicant courteously requests allowance of amended dependent Claims 19-22.

b. Rejection of Claims 11-18 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 11-18 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In order to advance the prosecution of this subject application, Applicant has cancelled Claims 11-18 and 27-28 without prejudice and further disclaimer. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection of Claims 11-18 and 27-28 is now moot.

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Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests, for the reasons set forth herein and for other reasons clearly apparent, allowance of Claims 1-9, 19-26 and 29-33 now on file and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Since three independent claims and eight dependent claims have been cancelled and two new dependent claims have been added no fees are due. If there are any further fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,



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